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4 March 1958
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)
Deputy Director (Plans)
Director of Communications

THROUGH : Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence

SUBJECT : The Inter-Office Telecommunications Advisory
Committee (IOTAC)

PURPOSE

1. To review the development and accomplishments of IOTAC during the four years of its existence, to assess the current status of IOTAC in the light of its original mission, and to make recommendations as to its future.

BACKGROUND

2. IOTAC was established in 1954 by joint decision of DD/I, DD/P and D/CO, to ensure that the responsibilities assigned to CIA by NSC-169 (Statement of Policy on Electromagnetic Communications) be properly coordinated and carried out. A copy of this Charter is attached as Annex A.

3. In accordance with its charter, the Committee has focused its attention mainly on the NSC-169 problems and on the preparation of progress reports as requested by the DCI, the OCB, the ODM or by its membership. On several occasions, upon request, the Committee has undertaken actions concerning telecommunications matters not specifically related to NSC-169. Additional background information and some examples of IOTAC activities undertaken in direct support of NSC-169 or related areas are included in Annex B.

GENERAL ASSESSMENT

4. IOTAC has been an effective mechanism for the exchange of information on all aspects of agency responsibilities under NSC-169, and for the formulation of coordinated views, opinions and actions concerning NSC-169 and related areas which affect more than one operational element of the Agency. It has also, through four years of experience and personal contacts, improved the general knowledge, competence and working relationship of its members in the broad field of telecommunications.

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5. In the 42nd meeting of IOTAC, ^{the opinion was} ~~strongly expressed~~ ^{the opinion} that IOTAC had contributed materially to the telecommunications intelligence effort, that it had proved of considerable value to the solution of their specific problems, and that its activities should not only be continued in regard to the NSC-169 issues, but should in addition be expanded to include additional areas of responsibility ^{in the field of telecommunications}. It was recognized that ^{many} ~~all~~ Agency elements represented on IOTAC have interests and commitments in the field of telecommunications other than those specifically related to NSC-169; and that problems concerned with telecommunications frequently arise which require a coordinated Agency position. IOTAC has in the past served as an effective mechanism for coordination, and its function in this regard should be formally recognized and established.

RECOMMENDATION:

6. That you approve the revised statement of mission and functions of IOTAC as set forth in Annex C.

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Chairman, Inter-Office
Telecommunications Advisory Committee

CONCURRENCES

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